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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 4, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on June 4, 2007. A request for a one month extension of time accompanies this response. As such, this response is timely filed on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

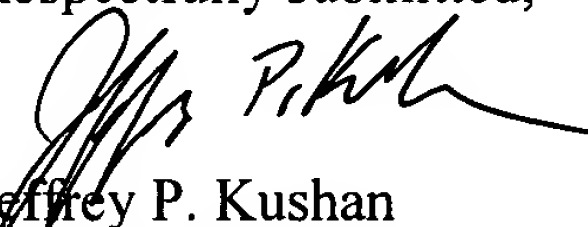
The Examiner has imposed another restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and is requiring another species election. The two species identified by the Examiner are "the method of treating graft versus host disease" and "the method of treating host versus graft disease." Applicants hereby elect methods of treating host-versus-graft disease (including at least claims 37, 41, 46, 54-60, and 63) for further prosecution together with methods of blocking an immune response to an allogenic graft (including at least claims 6-10, 16, 22, 32-34, 45, 47-53, and 62). As such, all pending claims read on the present species election.

Applicants expressly reserve their rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending and elected claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, he is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 202-736-8914 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that extensions and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or fees due to our Deposit Account No. **18-1260**, referencing Docket No. **22338-00602**. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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